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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 5, 1913

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A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
HONGKONG.

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Obtainable Everywhere

SOLE AGENTS:
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
Hongkong, January 2, 1912.

A MARCONI JOKE.
The Speaker of a Humorous Advertisement.
Sir Randolph Baker, Unionist, raised in the House of Commons recently as a question of privilege the following mock advertisement in the "Stockbroker":
"GEORGE, ISAACS, AND MURRAY, Parliamentary Stock and Share Dealers, 1, 100, Downing-street, S.W."
Private wireless to the United States. Telephone to the House of Lords, the House of Commons—and the Stock Exchange.
The firm pays special attention to MARCONI'S.
Invest on credit through our new system. One of our exclusive features is the Six-monthly Settlement.
Send us your orders. There is no hurry about the money.
WE NEVER GAMBLE.
We specialise in pools and free options. Other brokers want cash. We don't! Telegraphic address: "Quibbling."
Sir Randolph considered statements such as these a very serious breach of the privileges of the House, and he asked the Speaker's ruling.
The Speaker replied that the matter to which the paragraph referred was still being considered by the Marconi Committee, and in those circumstances it would be improper for him to make any statement as to whether or not it was a breach of privilege—it might prejudice the matter under consideration. The alleged advertisement seemed to be in the nature of a jest, and they must not take jests too seriously even in that House. He thought the matter should not be carried further.

DEATH FROM EXCITEMENT.
Excitement over a funeral he had attended was stated at an inquest last week to have caused the death of a man named Hainsdon, aged seventy-two, of Dalston.

NOW IS THE TIME
FOR REBUTATION you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Now is the time to get rid of it. Try this Balm and you will find it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BUSINESS NOTICES.
PETER'S, NESTLE'S & KOHLER'S
PRIZE COMPETITION No. 3.
This month we are offering prizes for 'Adlets'. An 'Adlet' is perhaps best described as a concentrated advertisement.
The following are some examples:
Peter's Milk Chocolate: Pleases Most Oaptious
Nestle Milk Chocolate: None More Choice
Kohler's Chocolate Bonbons: Kohler's Confer Benefits.

CONDITIONS:
Every six 'Adlets' to be accompanied by a Peter's, Nestle's or Kohler's Wrapper. So for one wrapper you may send more than one Adlet.
Adlets may be sent in under a nom de plume, which, if a winner will be published in the Local Papers. Your names will be treated confidentially by us.
The first prize will be one of our Wrist Watches, and will be given for what we consider the best Adlet.
Consolation prizes consisting of Chocolate will be given for Adlets which we consider are deserving of such.
Post your attempts to Messrs Peter's & Nestle's P. O. Box No. 351, Hongkong, not later than 31st May 1913.
No Hongkong Store dealing in Confectionery is so behind the times as not to stock PETER'S, NESTLE'S AND KOHLER'S.

Motion Pictures KINETOPHONE Talking Pictures
Edison's Latest Invention.

UNDER the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
THEATRE ROYAL
PROGRAMME:
1. DESCRIPTIVE LECTURE. 4. THE LAW OF THE WEST.
2. FAUST. 5. THE POLITICIAN.
3. SELECTION OF OLD SONGS. 6. THE OLD GUARD.
by TRULY SHATTUCK. 7. THE EDISON MINSTRELS.
Prices: \$2, \$1 and 50 cents.
TODAY (Saturday) MATINEE at 2 p.m. With 4 Entirely New Films and Records.
Dress Circle (for Matinee only) \$1.00. Entire Parterre 50 Cents.
ABSOLUTELY LAST REPRESENTATION ON MONDAY.
Booking at ROBINSONS and Box Office.
Hongkong, April 19, 1913.

UNION MARINE INSURANCE CO. OF LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current rates.
THE BANK LINE, LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, April 28, 1913.

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY, LTD.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the Marine business of the above Society are prepared to accept risks at current rates.
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, April 23, 1913.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.
WEEK DAYS.
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
NIGHT CARS.
8.00 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every half hour.
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Every 15 minutes.
12 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.
Extra Cars at 12 mid-night.
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement with the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDING, Des Voeux Road Central.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.
General Managers.

NOTICE.

MESSRS GANDE, PRICE & Co., Ltd. will REMOVE from their premises 12, Queen's Road Central to No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (lately occupied by the French Store) on 1st March next.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

IN WHICH ARE LISTED THE SHARES OF THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., and THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1911.
—Authorized Capital \$8,000,000
—Subscribed Capital \$4,500,000
—Paid-up Capital \$2,457,500
—Reserve Funds \$3,892,114
—Life & Annuity Funds \$1,134,160
—Sinking Fund Account \$2,513
—\$22,561,284
Revenues Fire branch \$2,567,158
" Life and Annuity 1,973,583
Revenues Marine Department 283,628
Other Receipts 430,193
—\$2,561,284
The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. Agents.

THE GRAND CARLTON HOTEL

An Ideal Family Hotel, where Living is a Real Pleasure.
FIRST CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT. CONVENIENTLY SITUATED. ALL MODERN COMFORT.
Noted for its First Class Cuisine and Perfection of Service.
Under the Personal Management of O. E. OWEN, Proprietor.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: GRAND
Hongkong. Telephone No. 819

BUSINESS NOTICES.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE.

NOTIFICATION No. 805.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that commencing on MAY 1st, 1913, a SUMMER SCHEDULE will come into force, when a DAILY THROUGH SERVICE will be operated between TIENTSIN and PUKOW in addition to the present EXPRESS THROUGH SERVICE between Tientsin and Pukow (twice a week) which remains unchanged and as before.
The DAILY THROUGH SERVICE will be run according to the following schedule:

DOWN		UP	
Tientsin East	dep. 9.40	Pukow	dep. 8.40
Tientsin Central	arr. 9.50	Hsuehchow	dep. 18.40
Tientsin Central	dep. 10.30	Tientsin Central	arr. 7.00
Tientsin Central	dep. 18.30	Tientsin Central	arr. 18.35
Hsuehchow	dep. 7.05	Tientsin East	arr. 18.05
Pukow	arr. 18.41		

The Express Through Trains consist of Dining, Sleeping, 1st and 2nd class Cars and of one 3rd class car for passengers' servants.
The Daily Through Trains will consist of 1st, 2nd and 3rd class accommodation.
THE TRAFFIC MANAGER,
TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE.
TIENTSIN, 21st April, 1913.

W. Assomull & Co.
GRAND CLEARANCE SALE
FOR ONE MONTH ONLY FROM TO-DAY.
OF SILKS, DRAPERIES AND GOODS OF ALL VARIETIES
No. 1c, D'Aguilar Street.
AN EARLY CALL INVITED.
Hongkong, April 11, 1913.

OUR BREAD
PERFECTION.
CAKES & PASTRY
PAR EXCELLENCE
TIFFINS, DINNERS & REFRESHMENTS THE BEST.
ALEXANDRA CAFE CO.
Hongkong, April 7, 1913.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THOROUGHLY UP TO DATE WITH EVERY MODERN LUXURY
A LA CARTY GRILL ROOM.
J. H. TAGGART, Manager.

PEAK HOTEL.
ADAMANTLY SITUATED AT VICTORIA GAP.
Approaching the Tramway Terminus, 1,400 feet above Sea Level.
Open to the South Winds in Summer and protected from the North-east Winds in Winter. Commanding a magnificent view of Hongkong, the harbour and adjacent islands for forty miles.
A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL AND TOURIST HOTEL.
Terms—From \$2 per day. Telephone Add: "Peaceful"
Town Office, 4, Des Voeux Road.

GRAND HOTEL.
NOTED FOR THE BEST FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION AND CLEANLINESS.
CULINARY UNDER EUROPEAN SUPERVISION.
ELECTRIC LIGHT & FANS THROUGHOUT.
F. REICHHART, Proprietor.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers, HONGKONG.

J. T. HAMILTON, GENERAL MANAGER
FOR THE EAST-TOKYO.

New Insurance Paid-up \$2,500,000
Outstanding Insurance amount \$3,232,653.30
Total Assets Jan 1910 \$10,392,000
Assets amount to \$17,232,756
Dividends to Policyholders 1910 10,076,187
Total paid Policyholders 1910 \$3,439,200
Total Expenses for 1910 10,392,000
Gross earnings from Interest and Rents for 1910 \$1,646,528
Gross rate of Income from Investments \$10 4.87
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1913.

PATELL & CO.

Exporters & Importers

General Merchants

Commission Agents

HONGKONG, CANTON, SHANGHAI AND HANKOW.

BUSINESS NOTICES.
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.
Portland Cement

In Casks of 375 lbs. net.
In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

Shewan Tomes & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS

SPRING BLOOD TONIC

When you feel listless, lazy, not really sick, but far from well Spring listlessness is only an effort of nature to adjust the body to the changed condition of the temperature and season!

IODISED SARSAPARILLA

helps the system and aids nature. \$1.50 per bottle.

FROM THE
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

WING FAT CHEONG,

24A, DES VOEUX ROAD.
HIGH-CLASS GENTS' TAILORS AND OUTFITTERS.

TROPICAL SUITINGS - from \$28.00.

REAL PANAMA HATS - from \$7.50 to \$10.00.

Christy's Straw Hats and Tress's Sun Hats.

ALSO JUST UNPACKED

A NEW SELECTION OF TRIEST CO. AMERICAN STYLE STRAW HATS.

Hongkong, April 4, 1913.

WEISMANN'S
BEST GROUND COFFEE

Always Fresh.

75 cents per 1 lb. tin. 40 cents per 1/2 lb. tin.
Hongkong, July 20, 1910.

WE solicit your kind patronage of our leading blends of
WINES AND SPIRITS.

ONLY the very best kept at prices that astonish our rivals.

A Trial will convince you that THE HOUSE that supplies your needs is the

WING ON Co.,

TELEPHONE 133. 100 NAUGHT ROAD.

BATHING PARTIES.

RESERVE YOUR STOCK OF

CORDIALS AND LIQUEURS NOW.

APRICOT BRANDY,

BLACKBERRY BRANDY,

CHERRY BRANDY,

PEACH BRANDY

CHERRY GIN,

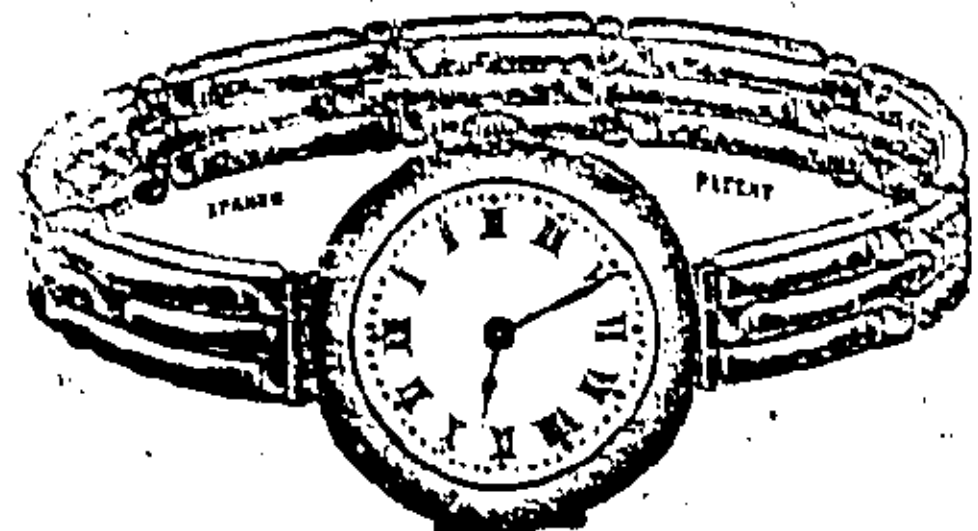
ORANGE GIN,

SLOE GIN, etc.

CALBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.
(ESTABLISHED 1854)

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G. FALCONER & CO., LTD.,
LADY'S GOLD WATCH BRACELETS IN LARGE VARIETY.



ENGLISH SILVERWARE.

HOTEL MANSIONS: OPPOSITE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

WING KEE & CO.,

Nos. 47, 48 and 49, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, PROVISION MERCHANTS, OIL
MERCHANTS, &c., &c., OF FIFTY YEARS STANDING.
SHIP CAPTAINS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE US A TRIAL.
FRANCISCO TSE YAT, General Manager.
Hongkong, August 12, 1908.

MEE CHEUNG

ART PHOTOGRAPHER

ICE HOUSE STREET,

BRANCH OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

Fashionable Xmas and New Year Cards.
LATEST SELECT VIEWS OF HONGKONG AND CANTON.

THE KWONG HIP LUNG CO., LTD.

(NOW RECONSTRUCTED).

ENGINEERS and SHIPBUILDERS, BOILER-MAKERS, BRASS and IRON
FOUNDRIES. All work done in this establishment is guaranteed. We have
over thirty years' experience. We own two shipways and can accommodate any craft
of 200 feet long.

Work Office, 48, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong. Telephone No. 459.
Shipyard, Shum Sai Po, Howlong, Hongkong. Telephone No. E. 5.
Extra rates furnished on application. WONG PING WA, Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1912

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REGISTERED TRADE MARK

BURT, BOULTON AND HAYWOOD LTD., LONDON.
FOR THE DISINFECTION OF DRAINS, WATER-CLOSETS, LAVA-
TORIES, SICK-ROOMS, FLOORS, WALLS, GUTTERS, &c.

IT IS THE STRONGEST AND MOST POWERFUL

CARBORIC DISINFECTING FLUID,

THE CHEAPEST AND MOST RECOMMENDABLE FOR GENERAL HOUSE
USE, A LITON OF 2 PER CENT. BEING SUFFICIENT.
Recommended by Sanitary Authorities.
Government Analysis at Buyers' Disposal.

SOTOR.

AVENARIUS' WORLD-KNOWN COPPER PRINT.

For the Bottoms of Vessels and Boats and for the Coatings of
all Wooden Structures of Wharves and Docks. Penetrates deep
into the wood, thus rendering same immune against attacks of
the Terebo, Barnacles Marine Growths, etc.

Sole Agents:

MELCHERS & Co., Hongkong & China.

Hongkong, May 5, 1913.

VICHY
NATURAL MINERAL WATER
FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S Springs
VICHY CELESTINS
in bottles and half bottles
VICHY GRANDE-GRILLE For Liver trouble
VICHY HOPITAL For Indigestion.
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES. MENTION NAME OF SPRING REQUIRED

VICHY-ETAT PREPARATIONS
VICHY-ETAT SALT Natural salt from the waters. — In tins and bottles.
VICHY-ETAT TABLETS 2 or 3 after meals make digestion easy.
VICHY-ETAT COMPOUNDS to make your own digestive aerated water.

JOHN OAKLEY & SONS
WELLINGTON EMERY & BLACK LEAD MILLS LONDON
EMERY GLASS BLACK CLOTH PAPER LEAD
WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH
J. H. DART & CO. LIMITED, "WELLINGTON MILLS" LONDON.

INTIMATIONS

MITSU BISHI GOSHI KWAISHI
(MITSU BISHI CO.)

COAL DEPARTMENT.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKA-
SIMA, OCHI MUTABE, YO-
SHINOYANI, KISHIDAKE, HOJO,
KANADA, NAKAMURA, SATO,
SHINNEW and KAMİYAMADA
Galleries.

AGENTS for SAKITO, & OYUBARI
COALS.

HEAD OFFICE—TOKYO.
BRANCH OFFICES:—
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Kobe, Osaka, Tokyo, Yokohama,
Nagoya, Shanghai, Hongkong,
Hankow.

TEL. ADDRESSES for above: "IWASAKI."
Codes:—A1, ABO 5th Ed., Western Union.

AGENCIES:

CHINKIANG: Messrs Gearing &
Co.

MANILA: Messrs Macandray &
Co.

SINGAPORE: Messrs Borneo Co
Ltd.

For particulars, apply to
K. KATO,
Manager,
N. 2, PRINCE STREET,
HONGKONG.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Royal Hongkong Golf
Club will be held at the Club House, on
WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May, 1913,
at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the
Extraordinary Resolutions which were
passed at the Extraordinary General Meet-
ing held on the 15th day of April, 1913,
will be submitted for confirmation as
Special Resolutions.

A print of the Resolutions will be found
posted on the Board at the Happy Valley
Club House.

By Order,
K. M. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 28, 1913.

CHEN KWONG & CO., LD

GENERAL IMPORT &
EXPORT.

CANTON

LARGE WHOLESALE & RETAIL
STORE:

FURNITURE, Draperies, Groceries,
Boots and Shoes,
Makers of Jewellery, Lacquerware,
Crochery Ware,
Iron-mongery, Wine and Spirits,
Foreign Clothes for gentlemen made to
order by our own tailors.

Large assortment of Chinese Silks and
Foreign Goods of every description.
All goods sold at reasonable prices.
The Cheapest and Best place in Canton and
Hongkong to buy Chinese and Foreign
Goods.

SUP PAT POO STREET,
CANTON.

Tel. No. 1402.

No. 227, 237, Des Vaux Road
and No. 120, Connaught Road Central.
Tel. No. 811.
Hongkong.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate
versed in literature, has been a teacher
to European officials and merchants in this
Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of teaching. Euro-
peans to pass in the Chinese examination, and
is possessed of a first rate certificate as a
Chinese teacher. He has also a good know-
ledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese
language are requested to write care of
China Mail office or direct to 37, Holly-
wood Road, 1st floor.

Hongkong, May 17, 1912.

SINGON & CO.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1880

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARD-
WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale
and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and
Castings, Coke Importers, General Store-
keepers and Shipbuilders. Nos. 25 and
27, HING LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west
of Central Market) Telephone No. 515.

Hongkong, September 4, 1912.

DON'T Forget after the Show, Supper,
and Light Refreshments.

ALEXANDRA CAFE
Open Till Midnight.

The
"Three
Castles"

"THERE'S NO SWEETER
TOBACCO COMES FROM
VIRGINIA AND NO
BETTER BRAND THAN
THE 'THREE CASTLES'"

THACKERAY-

"THE VIRGINIANS"

WILL'S

HOME FOOTBALL.

(From the Referee, April 6.)

The League Matches.

FIRST DIVISION.

Tottenham Hotspur	1	Oldham Athletic	0
Liverpool	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheffield United	1	Notts County	0
Derby County	3	Chelsea	0
Blackburn Rovers	1	Woolwich Arsenal	0
Everton	0	Manchester City	0
Manchester U.	2	Bolton Wanderers	1
Middlesbrough	0	Newcastle United	0
Sheffield Wed.	0	Bradford City	0
Sunderland	3	West Bromwich A.	1

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

Sheffield Wednesday	34	20	8	6	40
Sunderland	33	21	9	3	45
Manchester United	33	18	10	7	43
Aston Villa	33	16	10	4	42
Bolton Wanderers	33	16	8	10	42
Manchester City	33	12	12	5	41
Blackburn Rovers	34	14	9	11	39
Oldham Athletic	33	13	8	12	38
Derby County	34	15	13	6	36
Liverpool	33	15	14	5	36
West Bromwich A.	34	12	11	10	34
Everton	35	14	14	6	34
Bradford City	34	11	11	11	33
Sheffield United	35	13	16	6	32
Newcastle United	33	12	14	7	31
Middlesbrough	34	11	14	8	30
Tottenham Hotspur	33	12	18	5	29
Chelsea	35	8	20	8	22
Notts County	35	6	20	8	20
Woolwich Arsenal	35	3	22	10	16

SECOND DIVISION.

Bury	0	Clapton Orient	0
Fulham	2	Glossop	0
Barnsley	2	Hull City	0
Derby	3	Bradford	0
Leeds City	1	Nottingham Forest	0
Grimsby Town	0	Lincoln City	0
Huddersfield Town	5	Bristol City	0
Blackpool	2	Birmingham	0
Leicester Forest	4	Stockport County	1
Wolverhampton	2	Preston North End	0

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

Preston North End	34	17	4	13	47
Burnley	33	18	8	7	43
Birmingham	35	16	9	10	42
Barnsley	34	16	10	6	42
Leeds City	35	16	10	9	41
Grimsby Town	35	14	11	10	38
Leeds City	35	14	12	9	37
Wolverhampton W.	34	13	11	10	36
Grimsby Town	35	13	12	10	36
Fulham	34	15	15	4	34
Leicester Forest	35	15	15	4	34
Bradford	35	12	15	8	33
Notts Forest	35	12	15	8	32
Bury	34	9	12	13	31
Bristol City	34	11	15	8	30
Glossop	35	8	14	13	29
Clapton Orient	35	8	19	8	24
Hull City	35	8	19	8	24
Blackpool	35	7	19	9	23
Stockport County	35	7	19	9	23

The Southern League.

Brentford	4	Brighton	1
Northampton	1	Watford	1
Stoke	3	Southampton	1
Plymouth Argyle	2	Reading	0
Norwich City	2	Crystal Palace	0
Swindon Town	1	Exeter City	0
Queens Park Rangers	3	Portsmouth	0
Wimbledon	0	Gillingham	0
Queens Park R.	4	Coventry	0
West Ham United	3	Millwall	1

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

Swindon Town	34	19	9	6	44
Crystal Palace	34	16	7	11	43
Plymouth Argyle	33	18	9	6	42
West Ham United	34	16	8	11	42
Exeter City	35	17	10	8	42
Millwall Athletic	35	13	12	5	41
Reading	34	17	11	6	40
Queens Park Rangers	33	14	9	10	37
Wimbledon	33	12	13	11	34
Watford	34	11	12	11	33
Wimbledon	34	12	14	9	33
Coventry City	34	12	14	8	32
M. Rhyer Town	35	10	13	12	32
Bristol Rovers	34	11	17	6	30
Portsmouth	34	11	16	8	30
Wimbledon	34	10	15	9	29
Southampton	35	10	16	9	28
Brentford	35	10	20	5	28
Wrexham City	35	8	18	9	25
Stoke	35	8	22	4	22

"PORTUS SALUTIS."

If the Cromarty Firth is now to receive
material recognition as a naval base, (writes
W. M. Mackenzie in the "Glasgow Herald")
it will be, on one side, in virtue of its ex-
cellent harbourage; and so the admiring
comments of a succession of historians and
travelers will at last be made good. The
town itself has always been but a small
place, as the farther end of a remote penin-
sula, out of the fairway of merchandise by
land or sea; yet no early historian in his
preliminary geographical survey fails to
pay its harbour his tribute of description
and no explorer of the northern wilds
goes by without an observation on its
striking advantages. Of the many
Scottish harbours John Major, in the six-
teenth century, reports it as reputedly
the safest, "and by reason of its good an-
chorage it is called by sailors Sykkersund,
that is 'safe sand.'" But Major was wrong
in his hearing. The patch of sand on the
north side has been appropriated by golfers,
but has no attraction for sailors. The
name really is Sykkersund or "safe
sound." Latinised by the map makers as
"Portus Salutis," "harbour of safety." Such,
too, is the expression which it takes in the
Scottish version of Boece—"Ane irth and
sicker port to all shippis, namit be the
people the Hail of Schipmen." Later we
hear from Bishop Leslie how "the histor-
ical" named the Port of sailford
and sailfie." An almost lyrical pervade-
ment of topographical details, Cromarty Bay
was something a patriotic geographer could
point to with pride.

Travellers of various sorts carry on the
train. Thomas Tucker was Cromarty's
Commissioner, in the middle of the seven-
teenth century, for settling the Customs
and Excise of Scotland. Cromarty thus
comes under his cognizance as "a little
town in a bottom, with one of the
delicately harbours reputed in all Europe"
—so its reputation was growing—"the tide
coming in a great depth betwixt two
steep rocks called the Scoters, through
which the water passes into a large bay,
where the greatest ships of burden may
ride in safety." It may be observed, in
the by-going, that the puzzling name of
"the Scoters" most probably represents
the Norse "saker" or "sail." The hill
pasture, the ford-like approach, and the
high green slopes suggesting to Norse eyes
and the familiar "saker" of the home-
land. For analogy there are the mountain
meadows, the "Alps" of the mountains so-
called. No other explanation, hitherto,
impresses itself as even plausible. The
far-travelled Bishop Pockock, in 1730,
also records "the Scoters," with a
rather full and precise description of
the harbour, giving the very best part
space for 120 of the largest ships to anchor,
while in the "deep harbour" three lines
of shipping might ride. Pockock con-
firms the south Sutor with its covering
of corn to Mount Olivet as it rises over
Jerusalem; he had journeyed through
Palestine. It must have been in happy
anticipation of such a compliment that the
authorities of Cromarty offered him the
freedom of the burgh, an honour for which
he could not afford the time. "I pity
for he would have been the only honorary
freeman of the ancient burgh known in its
annals. Within a few years Thomas
Pocock is making quite a modern point
on the spot. The bay is "the most
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